

Comment on a proposal to affirm that ‘Formenkreis’ is not a genus-group taxonomic rank with potential availability

(Case 3678: see BZN 72: 300–302)

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Herewith I like to support the proposal of E. Gittenberger as published in Case 3678 to rule that ‘Formenkreis’ and equivalent terms have not genus-group rank and are not available names. Those terms are threatening regular genus-group names in various mollusc families.

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I fully support the arguments put forward by Professor Gittenberger. These will make nomenclatural decisions coherent and easy to implement.

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